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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments. As a result of the amendments listed above, Claims 24-28 remain pending. Claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new Claims 24-28 have been added.

In the Office Action mailed June 14, 2004, the Examiner rejected Claim 1 for double patenting.

Claims

Applicant has cancelled Claim 1, thereby mooted the Examiner's rejection for double patenting. Applicant has added new Claims 24-28, which are believed to be in condition for allowance over the prior art of record.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant submits herewith an Information Disclosure Statement listing a number of references for consideration by the Examiner.

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Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections in the case and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney, Mark J. Kertz at (949) 721-6318 to resolve such issue(s) promptly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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